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Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant

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Dear Sir:

As a means of complying with duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant lists the following references (copies of the listed patents and papers enclosed):

U.S. Patent Documents				
Exam. Initials	Class/ Subclass.	Document No.	Date	Name
<u>DR</u>	—	5,263,937	11/23/93	Shipp
<u>J</u>	—	5,279,564	01/18/94	Taylor
<u>J</u>	—	5,279,575	01/18/94	Sugarbaker
<u>DR</u>	—	5,354,302	10/11/94	Ko

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Foreign Patent Documents

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21	0 577 400 A1	01/05/94	Europe
1	0 614 646 A1	09/14/94	Europe (with English abstract)
	42 38 596 A1	06/01/94	Germany (with English abstract)
	43 07 228 A1	09/15/94	Germany (with English abstract)
21	82 16 373.1	09/09/82	Germany

The listed patents pertain in a general way to the subject matter of the application, but are not necessarily considered to be analogous prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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